

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An airspring having an airsleeve comprising an elastomeric liner; a reinforcing layer overlaying the liner; and a colorable elastomeric cover overlaying the reinforcing layer; the cover comprising:
 - 100 parts by weight of elastomer comprising from about 30 to about 50 parts by weight of natural rubber, from about 10 to about 30 parts by weight of polybutadiene, and from about 30 to about 50 parts by weight of ethylene propylene diene terpolymer (EPDM);
 - from about 20 to about 60 parts by weight, per 100 parts by weight of elastomer, of silica; and
 - from about 1 to about 10 parts by weight, per 100 parts by weight of elastomer, of an organosilane polysulfide.
2. The airspring of claim 1, wherein the cover further comprises from about 1 to about 5 parts by weight, per 100 parts by weight of elastomer, of triethanolamine.
3. The airspring of claim 1, wherein the cover is cured with sulfur and peroxide.
4. The airspring of claim 1, wherein the cover further comprises at least one colorant.
5. The airsleeve of claim 1, wherein the cover further comprises at least one colorant selected from organic dyes, inorganic dyes, organic pigments, and inorganic pigments, and carbon black.
6. The airspring of claim 1, the reinforcing layer comprising: textile fibers having distributed over surface portions thereof an RFL adhesive; and a vulcanizable plycoat rubber composition.

7. The airspring of claim 6, wherein said textile fiber are selected from the group consisting of woven fabrics, knitted fabric, or spun bonded fabric, and fiber cord.

5 8. The airspring of claim 6, wherein said textile fibers comprises a material selected from the group consisting of rayon, nylon, polyester, aramid, cotton, and combinations thereof.

9. The airspring of claim 6, wherein textile fibers comprises nylon.

10 10. The airspring of claim 1 wherein said airspring is selected from shock absorbers, struts, truck cab suspension springs, truck driver seat springs, automobile airsprings, and industrial airsprings.

15 11. The airspring of claim 1 wherein the cover is exclusive of staining or coloring antioxidants and antiozonants.

12. The airspring of claim 6, wherein said RFL comprises resorcinol, formaldehyde, and at least one polymer selected from styrene-butadiene copolymer and vinylpyridene-styrene-butadiene terpolymer.

20 13. An airspring of claim 1, wherein the airspring is a bellows type airspring.

14. An airspring of claim 1, wherein the airspring is a rolling lobe airspring.

25 15. An airspring having an airsleeve comprising an elastomeric liner; a reinforcing layer overlaying the liner; and a colorable elastomeric cover overlaying the reinforcing layer; the cover comprising:

30 100 parts by weight of elastomer comprising from about 30 to about 50 parts by weight of natural rubber, from about 10 to about 30 parts by weight of polybutadiene, and from about 30 to about 50 parts by weight of ethylene propylene diene terpolymer (EPDM);

from about 20 to about 60 parts by weight, per 100 parts by weight of elastomer, of silica; and

from about 1 to about 10 parts by weight, per 100 parts by weight of elastomer, of an organosilane polysulfide;

5 from about 1 to about 5 parts by weight, per 100 parts by weight of elastomer, of triethanolamine; and

a colorant; and

wherein the cover is sulfur and peroxide cured.

10 16. The airspring of claim 15 wherein the cover is exclusive of staining or coloring antioxidants and antiozonants.